Westwood Historical Society Newsletter

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House & Garden Tour a Benefit for Fisher School

Save Saturday, May 30th, (the Saturday after Memorial Day) for the third Annual House and Garden Tour sponsored by your Historical Society!

Guests will have the opportunity to view some of Westwood's lovely homes and gardens and participate in the Boutique, Silent Auction, and optional luncheon at the First Parish Hall. In addition a sale of perennial plants will provide the perfect opportunity to beautify your own garden. All proceeds benefit the Fisher School and will help to complete the interior restoration of the schoolhouse

We can use your help!! If you can donate items—hand-crafted , new, or a special antique; services; plants or shrubs; or are willing to help on he day of the tour, please contact Lura Provost 326-1543, Joan Swann 769-1670, Joan Murphy 769-1935, or Joy Sudduth 769-0712.

Tickets will be on sale at Décor and More, The Perfect Present, Eaton Apothecary, and Swan's Way on High Street. Advance ticket prices are $15 for the Tour or &20 for the Tour & Luncheon. Deadline for luncheon reservations is May 26th. Tickets purchased on the day of the tour are $18. For further information call Lura Provost at 326-1543 or Joan Swann at 769-1670. See you at the Tour!!

Annual Trip and Meeting will be in Gloucester on June 13th

The Historical Society's annual tripand meeting will take us to the Cape Ann Historical Museum and the Capt. Elias Davis House in Gloucester. You will have an opportunity to see an extensive collection of drawings and paintings of Fitz Hugh Lane, and other noted artists, American decorative arts and furnishings, and exhibits on Cape Ann's fisheries and maritime history. The furnished home of Capt. Elias Davis is part of the Museum complex. We will hold our annual meeting and election of officers at the museum.

Reserve now, space on the bus is limited. Call Jerry Cronin at 329-3895, and /or send your check for $13 to the Westwood Historical Society, P.O. Box 2575, Westwood, Ma. 02090.

Membership renewals are due in May.

Enclosed, for your convenience, are membership renewal forms for this coming years dues. Dues remain the same as last year. Please send your renewal as soon as possible since we rely on your continued support to pay for our programs, newsletters, conserving our collection, and general Society expenses. If you know someone who may be interested in the Historical Society now is the time to invite then to join! Thanks in advance for your help and interest.

Memorial Gifts to the Fisher School Appreciated

Sadly, in recent months we have lost a great many friends of the Fisher School Project. We are extremely grateful to the families of Art Fitch, Alfred Magaletta, Bill McLaren, Norm Whiting and Dick Youlden for choosing the Fisher School for memorial donations in their memory. Their thoughtfulness has been very helpful in helping the Society with the restoration of the Fisher School.

Fisher School Update

Progress continues to be made on the Fisher School restoration. Over the winter the heating system was installed, gas and electricity brought into the building and planning for the interior restoration completed. The next phase of the project will begin shortly. Hopefully if all goes well and you continue to be generous in your support we will complete the project this fall. We still need additional dollars to complete the project. Please send your tax-deductible donation to the Fisher School Fund, P.O. Box 2575, Westwood, Ma.02090. 02090. 02090.

Curator's Corner

Our Curator, Barbara Beale reports receiving the following gifts since the last newsletter:
Past President Bill Morrison and his wife, Patty have given us a circa 1880 of Longfellow"s *The Village Blacksmith*, a hand slate, and a small wooden box that was part of a Milton Bradley set called *Occupational Material for the Kindergarten, 1880.*

Eunice Lander has given her mother's silk parasol, 1885 and hand made embroideries made by her mother around the same time. Also two remarkably intact paper dolls with their clothing. One set Tru-Life Paper Dolls, made in 1916, was used to teach girls dressmaking basics. The other, made in 1920 has dolls with movable limbs. Eunice also has given a copy of the *Delineator*, a 1892 fashion magazine published by The Butterich Co. and two books, *Trolley Trips in Southern New England, 1904* and *The Trolley Wayfinder, 1904* which shows Westwood Park on its map!
Claire Henderson sent us pictures of Pine Hill School's Second Grade, 1955-1966, as well as faculty pictures of the same period. These had been owned by Lorraine Magaletta.
The Centennial Committee has given us a list of the material placed in the time capsule, Included are facts about the town and its people that will make interesting reading when it opened in 2098. We will give you the exact date later so you can plan on being there.

Historical Society items For Sale

With Mother & Father's Days, graduations and weddings coming we have the perfect solution for your gift giving needs. For example we still have copies of *West Dedham and Westwood*, the history of our town. Call Lura Provost at 326-1543 to get your copies. Or how about a coffee mug featuring a sketch of the Fisher School by Margaret Philbrick at $6 each or four for $20, an 1898 bird's eye view of Westwood or boxed notecards by Jane Ryan Sugrue---look for these at Swan's Way, Décor or More, The Perfect Present or call Joan Swann at 769-1670 or Lura Provost at 326-1543.